

**CARTER COUNTY RESOLUTION 03162020-01  
CARTER COUNTY DISASTER DECLARATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Carter County Commissioners are empowered by Section 7-5-2101 MCA, under such limitations and restrictions as are prescribed by law, to manage the business and concerns of Carter County, Montana, in such a manner and to such an extent as the Commission determines to be in the County's best interest;

**WHEREAS**, the Carter County Commission, pursuant to Section 10-3-402, MCA, may issue a disaster declaration by resolution whenever the principal executive officer determines a disaster is occurring or has occurred. A disaster declaration may be terminated when the principal executive officer determines that the disaster conditions no longer exist.

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the State of Montana has declared a state of emergency in Montana regarding the onset and spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus; and **WHEREAS**, the Health and Human Services Secretary has declared a public health emergency for the United States. The Carter County Commission as per the recommendation of the Carter County Public Health Officer, has determined that it is of the utmost importance to protect our citizens within the entire County of Carter, Montana from the spread of this disease by following the guidance of the Centers of Disease Control.

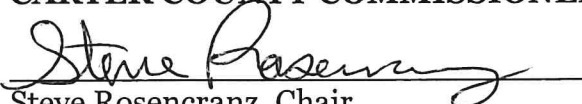
**WHEREAS**, by declaring a disaster declaration, the Carter County Commission shall activate applicable parts of the local or interjurisdictional disaster and emergency plan and program and authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance in accordance with such plans and programs. When more information is available, the governing body shall estimate expenditures and levy additional emergency millage necessary to cover the expenditures.

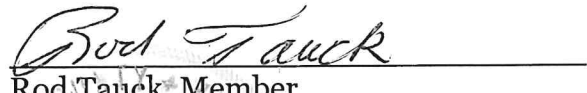
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Carter County Commission hereby declares a Disaster, as defined in Section 10-3-103 MCA, until further resolution of the Carter County Commission. All provisions of the Carter County Emergency Operations Plan are in full force and effect.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, this resolution shall be disseminated promptly by means calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the general public and shall be filed promptly with the division and the agency charged with recording the official records of the political subdivision pursuant to Section 10-3-404(2), MCA.

Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

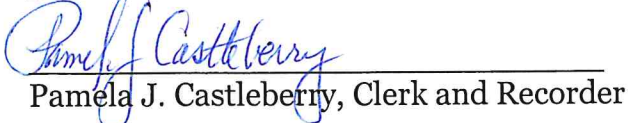
**CARTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, CARTER COUNTY, MONTANA**

  
Steve Rosencranz, Chair

  
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Mike Watkins, Member

ATTEST:

  
Pamela J. Castleberry, Clerk and Recorder

